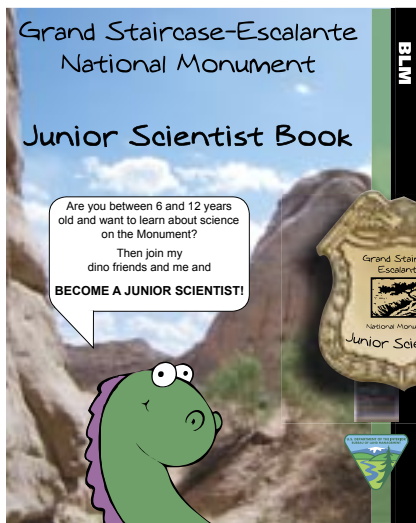


The Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument is launching its new kids program in spring 2007. The kids program includes The Junior Scientist Book, Discovery Packs, and interpretive programs geared towards kids 6-12 years old!

Junior Scientist Program

Similar to the Junior Ranger program found at many national and state parks, the Junior Scientist Program teaches kids about what scientists are studying in Grand Staircase-Escalante Monument's outdoor laboratory.



Depending on their age they can choose 3 or more activities to complete in the booklet. Activities range from the "Paleontology

Tool Hunt" crossword puzzle to the "Visitor Center Scavenger Hunt." After the kids complete all the steps

to become a Junior Scientist a BLM staff member goes through the book with them and checks their answers, has them say the oath and they are awarded their Junior Scientist Badge.



Discovery Packs

Discovery packs can be checked out for the day from any of the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument visitor centers. They have all kinds of cool tools to help kids discover new things during their visit. With the binoculars, watch a condor soar in the sky. Examine cryptobiotic soil through the hand lens. Record or sketch discoveries in the journal like a real scientist.

